

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of October 25, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 15-16, and 25 stand objected to for containing elected and non-elected subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to conform to Group I of the Restriction Requirement. It is noted that within Group I, R₂ was not restricted. Claims 11-14 and 17-21 properly depend from claim 1 and should be examined as they are within the scope of elected Group I. Withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 15-16, and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as indefinite for the terms R₂, R₃, and R. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2-7 have been canceled. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 15-16, and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Kandeel. Claim 1, as amended, recites formula IE having a 2-hydroxyphenyl motif in the definition of R₁. Kandeel does not teach or suggest the formula of IE as identified in claim 1. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

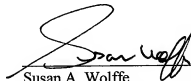
In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested. If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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